

- **Kerala** will launch **Sampushta Keralam**, a national nutrition mission with the specific aims of **improving nutrition, preventing obesity, and promoting breastfeeding in the State**.
- **Five exclusive research centres** coming up on the **All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) Mysuru** campus to **boost research in the areas of communication and its disorders**.
- **Rajasthan** Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje approved a **proposal to set up 55 courts** under the **Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act** in the state.
- The **121-year-old 'Red Fort' at Madras Medical College, heritage building**, will soon turn into a museum in Tamilnadu.
- The **UAE** launched a landmark **three-month visa amnesty programme** that will benefit hundreds of illegal foreign workers, including Indians, who are overstaying their permits.
- **Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, and Rajasthan** - 'Front Runner' states
- **Kumar Mangalam Birla, Y.C. Deveshwar** - Non-official directors in Air India
- The **Ministry of Culture** has launched the new scheme namely **Seva Bhoj Yojna to reimburse Central Share of CGST and IGST on Food/Prasad/Langar/Bhandara offered by Religious/ Charitable Institutions.**
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the **first extension of Concessional Financing Scheme (CFS) to support Indian Entities** bidding for strategically important infrastructure projects abroad.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the **proposal for restructuring of Agricultural Scientists' Recruitment Board (ASRB)**.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved **the policy to permit exploration and exploitation of unconventional hydrocarbons such as Shale oil/gas, Coal Bed Methane (CBM) etc.**

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for **issue of fresh equity shares to the extent of 15% of paid up equity capital by Hindustan Copper Limited(HCL)**.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved **the proposal of Department of Fertilizers to grant Interest Free Loan (IFL)** equivalent to the interest during construction (IDC) component to fertilizer revival projects.
- **K. Anvar Sadath, vice chairman and executive director of the Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE)** - International Contributions Award given by the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT), USA.

Outstanding Parliamentarian Award for the years 2013-2017

- **Smt Najma Heptulla, Shri Hukmdev Narayan Yadav, Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad, Shri Dinesh Trivedi and Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab.**
- **The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)** launched a **dedicated portal** to connect cargo owners and shippers with real time data on availability of vessels.
- **Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu** launched a **logo and tagline for Geographical Indications (GI)** to increase awareness about intellectual property rights (IPRs) in the country.